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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,026,164, dated June 25, 1991, issued to Ichikawa; and
2. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 2002-48602, dated February 15, 2002 (together with an English language abstract, corresponding U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0014581, published February 7, 2002, issued to Yamamoto et al.).

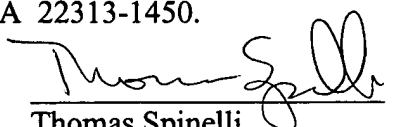
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Applicants are submitting a copy of reference 2 together with an English language abstract. Reference 1 is not being submitted herewith, as copies of U.S. patents are no longer required per the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003. The relevance of reference 2 has been described in the specification.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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